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1. SUMMARY: INDONESIAN WORRY OVER PRIORITIES AND POLICIES OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES. SUHARTO REPORTEDLY SEEKING EARLY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND INITIATIVE BEING TAKEN TO SEND GENERAL MURTOPO TO "MEET WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION" IN MARCH. EMBASSY SUGGESTS USG ACTIONS TO REASSURE GOI AND TO FORESTALL PREMATURE INITIATIVES. END SUMMARY.

2. REFTEL REPORTED AMBASSADOR RUSMIN'S ACCOUNT OF PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S CONCERNS OVER POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION. WE NOW HAVE INTELLIGENCE REPORT THAT SUHARTO ALSO RAISED WITH RUSMIN AND RUSMIN WILL RAISED IN WASHINGTON POSSIBILITY OF MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS SUHARTO AND CARTER.

3. WE WERE FURTHER ADVISED LAST WEEK THAT GENERAL ALI MURTOPO, WHO HAS BUILT EFFECTIVE LINKS WITH SOME MEMBERS CONGRESS BUT WHO FREQUENTLY GENERATES PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE TO FURTHER MURTOPO'S CAUSE, BELIEVES HE SHOULD VISIT WASHINGTON IN LATE MARCH TO PRESENT INDONESIA'S CASE TO NEW ADMINISTRATION BEFORE POLICIES ARE "IN CONCRETE." HE SEEMS TO BELIEVE AND POSSIBLY

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HAS CONVINCED PRESIDENT THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES WILL BE FIRMLY SET BY JULY AND THAT INITIATIVES BEFORE THAT ARE ESSENTIAL IF THEY ARE TO BE INFLUENTIAL.

4. CENTER OF STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, WHICH IS MURTOPO'S "THINK TANK," IS PLANNING INVITATIONAL SEMINAR MAY 28-30 IN JAKARTA ON SOUTHEAST ASIA. LIM BIEN KIE, MURTOPO'S

ASSISTANT, PLANS VISIT WASHINGTON IN LATE JANUARY TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS TO ATTEND THIS SEMINAR. HE HAS SPECIFICALLY SAID HE HOPES INVITE NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS. THROUGH AMBASSADOR RUSMIN, HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SEEK APPOINTMENTS IN DEPARTMENT AND POSSIBLY NSC WHEN IN WASHINGTON.

5. NEW ADMINISTRATION MAY BE IN POSITION DEAL WITH ALL SUCH INITIATIVES BUT WE FEAR THAT, IF THIS IS NOT CASE, MURTOPO AND LIM BIEN KIE EFFORTS CAN ONLY BREED DISAPPOINTMENTS WHICH WILL FURTHER AGGRAVATE CURRENT WORRIES.

6. WHILE IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TOTALLY TO DISCOURAGE SUCH INITIATIVES, WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE THAT INITIAL CONTACTS WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION BE CLEARLY IN OFFICIAL CHANNELS WHICH DEPEND LESS ON INDIVIDUAL PERSONALITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT SIZE, LOCATION, RESOURCES, GENUINELY MODERATE THIRD WORLD POSITION, SUBSTANTIAL U.S. PROGRAMS AND PAST HISTORY JUSTIFY EFFORTS PLACE RELATIONSHIP ON SOUND FOOTING. TO OPEN COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS TO REASSURE GOI REGARDING RECOGNITION OF RELATIONSHIP BY NEW ADMINISTRATION, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS:

A. EARLY PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO. THIS COULD BE IN FORM OF REPLY TO MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS WHICH SUHARTO WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY SEND TO NEW U.S. PRESIDENT. REPLY COULD EXPRESS HOPE FOR CONTINUED CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS, RECOGNITION OF ROLE OF ASEAN COUNTRIES IN PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND HOPE THAT PERSONAL MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED AT SOME TIME OF MUTUAL CONVENIENCE.

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B. RECOMMITMENT TO BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY LEVEL (JAKARTA 000122). IF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE IS POSSIBLE, I WOULD SEEK TO PRESENT IT PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO WITH ADVANCE COPY TO FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK. AT SAME TIME I COULD RECONFIRM ORALLY TO MALIK NEW SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN JAKARTA AT TIME OF MUTUAL CONVENIENCE.

C. REFERENCE TO INDONESIA OR ASEAN IN SPEECH. IMPORTANCE INDONESIANS ATTACH TO THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN EMPHASIZED IN REFTTEL AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS. INDONESIANS WANT SUCH REFERENCE BUT AT SAME TIME DESIRE AVOID EMBRACE WHICH WILL EMBARRASS THEM WITH HANOI AND THIRD WORLD. BELIEVE WE COULD MEET PROBLEM BY REFERENCES TO DESIRE FOR CONTINUANCE OF CLOSE RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA AND TO CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE FOR PEACE IN SOUTH EAST ASIA BEING PLAYED BY ASEAN NATIONS.

8. WITH SUCH INITIATIVES WE WOULD LESSEN NEED FOR OTHER APPROACHES AND WOULD HAVE BASIS FOR DETERRING THEM IF THIS IS DESIRED.

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